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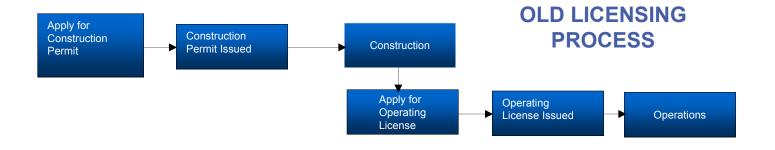
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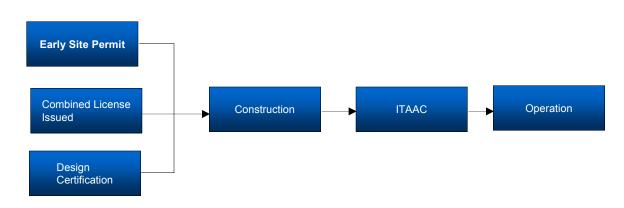
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# Part 52--Making New Nuclear Possible



# NEW LICENSING PROCESS





#### ESP Lessons Learned

## Site safety

Good issue resolution

## Emergency preparedness

Overly complex for existing unit sites

#### Environment

- Challenging site environmental issues are being identified and resolved
- ESP process was <u>successful</u> in identifying these issues
- Application to approval: 3 years +



# Dominion's COL Project

- DOE cooperative agreement
- Dominion, GE, Bechtel team
- North Anna site
- GE ESBWR design
- Planning began in early 2004
- COL preparation began in early 2005



# North Anna COL Project

Task 1 Project Management

Task 2 Legal/Financial/Risk Mgmt.

Task 3 COL Application

Task 4 ESBWR Design Certification

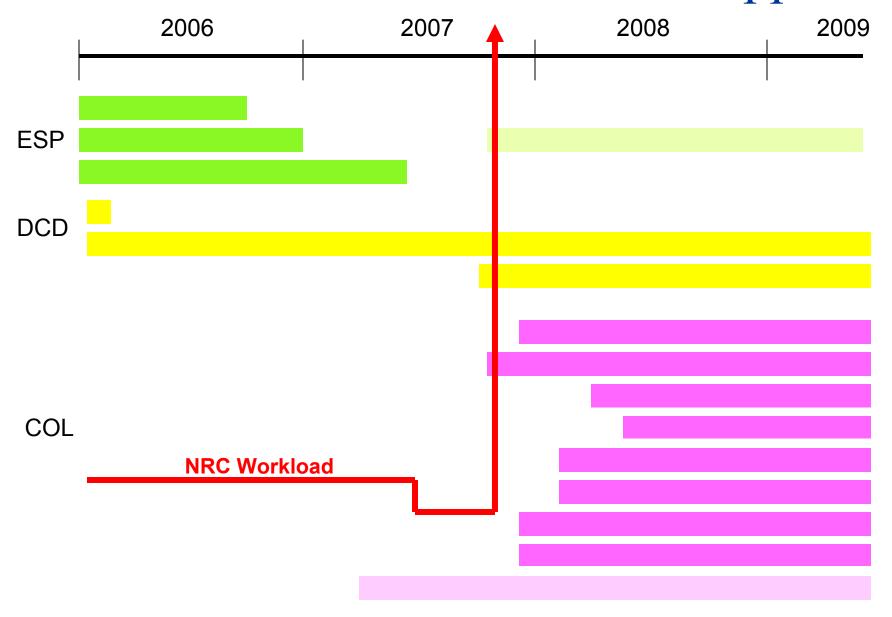
Task 5 ESBWR Engineering

Task 6 Site Engineering

Task 7 Deployment Preparation



# The Crunch!...We Need a New Approach



# **COL** Application Issues

### Commonality/standardization

- Within a technology...Dominion and NuStart/Entergy already doing it
- Across technologies...An NPOC priority

### Early NRC interaction

- Look at possibility of early submittals
- Level of "approval" and vehicles (topical reports, modules)
- Efficient use of NRC resources (roll from DCD to COL)
- Truly integrate NRC and industry schedules

## NRC requirements/guidance

- Part 52 being revised
- SRPs and RGs being revised



# Next Steps?

- Identify the most effective and efficient processes and use of our resources...then realign quickly
- Proactively engage NRC at all levels
- Encourage early COL application "module" submittals to the extent practical
- Implement a design-centered approach
- Truly benefit from standardization



